

TABLE 57. Statistical profile of postgraduation plans of doctorate recipients in social sciences fields, by sex and field of study: 2009

Characteristic	All social sciences fields	Anthropology	Economics	Political science	Psychology	Sociology	Other social sciences
All doctorate recipients (number)	7,836	503	1,121	683	3,471	664	1,394
	Number						
Postgraduation status <sup>a</sup>							
Definite postgraduation study	1,613	102	72	105	1,098	87	149
Definite employment	3,275	180	727	358	1,029	335	646
Seeking employment or study	1,687	166	164	134	707	170	346
Other <sup>b</sup>	187	15	26	15	73	15	43
	Percent						
Definite postgraduation study <sup>c,d</sup>							
Postdoc fellowship	70.7	74.5	66.7	74.3	72.1	67.8	58.4
Postdoc research associateship	20.3	23.5	30.6	24.8	16.1	29.9	35.6
Other <sup>e</sup>	9.0	2.0	2.8	1.0	11.7	2.3	6.0
Definite employment <sup>f</sup>							
Academe	63.0	72.2	58.2	81.6	49.9	78.8	68.4
Government	11.2	4.4	14.3	7.0	13.1	5.4	11.9
Industry/business <sup>g</sup>	13.8	10.6	18.4	5.0	19.5	6.6	9.1
Nonprofit	6.8	7.2	4.4	3.9	9.4	7.2	6.5
Other/unknown <sup>h</sup>	5.2	5.6	4.7	2.5	8.1	2.1	4.0
Primary activity <sup>j</sup>							
R&D	36.7	31.1	58.3	35.8	26.1	36.1	31.2
Teaching	38.3	50.9	27.0	52.7	28.4	52.6	47.3
Management or administration	7.7	9.0	4.1	6.0	7.7	6.0	13.2
Professional services	15.8	7.8	9.2	3.9	37.0	4.3	5.6
Other	1.5	1.2	1.5	1.5	0.9	1.0	2.7
Secondary activity <sup>j</sup>							
R&D	36.2	41.3	30.3	43.4	30.6	44.7	41.7
Teaching	24.5	19.2	32.7	27.7	19.2	25.5	22.4
Management or administration	10.5	10.2	11.1	5.4	13.5	7.9	9.7
Professional services	5.7	4.2	4.7	3.3	8.3	2.6	6.3
Other	2.5	4.2	2.0	2.1	3.5	1.3	1.9
No secondary activity	20.6	21.0	19.2	18.1	24.9	17.9	18.1
Activity unknown	9.3	7.2	8.4	7.3	11.4	9.9	8.7
Postgraduation location <sup>j</sup>							
United States <sup>k</sup>	87.3	80.5	70.7	86.4	96.2	88.9	82.1
New England	8.9	9.9	8.4	8.6	10.0	6.9	7.4
Middle Atlantic	14.5	13.5	12.8	13.6	16.0	15.6	12.3
East North Central	11.9	11.0	10.3	13.0	12.6	14.7	9.8
West North Central	5.4	5.0	2.5	5.4	6.9	5.7	4.5
South Atlantic	17.1	11.3	19.4	19.2	15.3	17.3	20.3
East South Central	3.1	2.5	1.4	3.7	3.8	4.3	2.5
West South Central	7.1	5.0	4.1	6.5	8.4	8.5	6.8
Mountain	4.5	8.5	1.8	3.7	5.7	2.8	3.9
Pacific and insular	14.2	13.5	9.9	12.1	16.8	12.3	13.7
Not in United States	12.6	19.5	29.3	13.6	3.7	10.9	17.7
Location unknown	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.1
Male doctorate recipients (number)	3,259	195	737	409	991	263	664
	Number						
Postgraduation status <sup>a</sup>							
Definite postgraduation study	547	43	47	60	296	32	69
Definite employment	1,506	69	478	221	309	125	304
Seeking employment or study	694	65	108	79	209	69	164
Other <sup>b</sup>	59	3	16	9	7	8	16

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	Percent						
Definite postgraduation study <sup>c,d</sup>							
Postdoc fellowship	65.4	74.4	68.1	70.0	64.9	65.6	56.5
Postdoc research associateship	26.3	20.9	27.7	28.3	23.3	28.1	39.1
Other <sup>e</sup>	8.2	4.7	4.3	1.7	11.8	6.3	4.3
Definite employment <sup>f</sup>							
Academe	63.5	65.2	57.9	79.6	50.8	76.0	68.1
Government	12.0	D	15.1	D	12.3	8.0	13.5
Industry/business <sup>g</sup>	13.8	D	18.4	D	19.4	5.6	9.9
Nonprofit	6.2	11.6	4.0	4.1	10.7	8.0	4.9
Other/unknown <sup>h</sup>	4.4	4.3	4.6	2.7	6.8	2.4	3.6
Primary activity <sup>j</sup>							
R&D	42.4	32.8	62.0	37.4	32.0	37.7	29.1
Teaching	35.8	44.3	22.1	50.5	26.5	51.8	47.8
Management or administration	8.1	D	5.0	D	6.3	D	14.4
Professional services	12.6	D	9.6	D	34.9	D	6.5
Other	1.1	1.6	1.4	0.5	0.4	0.0	2.2
Secondary activity <sup>j</sup>							
R&D	35.1	44.3	26.4	41.9	29.4	43.9	43.9
Teaching	28.6	21.3	36.7	29.3	22.8	25.4	23.7
Management or administration	10.7	D	12.1	D	16.2	D	8.6
Professional services	5.2	D	4.6	D	7.0	D	6.5
Other	1.9	4.9	2.3	0.5	2.9	0.0	1.4
No secondary activity	18.5	14.8	18.0	19.2	21.7	20.2	15.8
Activity unknown	9.6	11.6	8.2	10.4	12.0	8.8	8.6
Postgraduation location <sup>l</sup>							
United States <sup>k</sup>	82.3	76.8	68.8	84.7	94.2	84.1	81.2
New England	9.0	5.4	9.3	7.8	10.7	6.4	8.6
Middle Atlantic	14.2	15.2	11.4	11.7	18.0	15.9	12.9
East North Central	11.8	13.4	10.3	13.9	11.6	16.6	10.5
West North Central	5.3	D	D	6.0	7.4	4.5	4.6
South Atlantic	16.0	9.8	17.5	20.3	12.6	16.6	17.7
East South Central	2.8	D	D	3.6	4.0	3.2	2.1
West South Central	5.7	D	4.2	6.4	6.4	D	5.6
Mountain	4.2	8.9	D	2.8	7.1	D	3.8
Pacific and insular	12.7	12.5	9.5	11.4	15.7	10.2	14.2
Not in United States	17.6	23.2	31.2	15.3	5.8	15.3	18.5
Location unknown	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.3
Female doctorate recipients (number)	4,575	308	383	273	2,480	401	730
	Number						
Postgraduation status <sup>a</sup>							
Definite postgraduation study	1,066	59	25	45	802	55	80
Definite employment	1,769	111	249	137	720	210	342
Seeking employment or study	993	101	56	55	498	101	182
Other <sup>b</sup>	128	12	10	6	66	7	27
	Percent						
Definite postgraduation study <sup>c,d</sup>							
Postdoc fellowship	73.4	74.6	64.0	80.0	74.8	69.1	60.0
Postdoc research associateship	17.3	25.4	36.0	20.0	13.5	30.9	32.5
Other <sup>e</sup>	9.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	11.7	0.0	7.5
Definite employment <sup>f</sup>							
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Industry/business <sup>g</sup>	13.8	D	18.5	D	19.6	7.1	8.5
Nonprofit	7.2	4.5	5.2	3.6	8.9	6.7	7.9
Other/unknown <sup>h</sup>	5.8	6.3	4.8	2.2	8.6	1.9	4.4
Primary activity <sup>i</sup>							
R&D	31.9	30.2	51.1	33.6	23.6	35.1	33.0
Teaching	40.4	54.7	36.6	56.0	29.2	53.2	46.8
Management or administration	7.3	D	2.2	D	8.3	D	12.2
Professional services	18.5	D	8.4	D	37.8	D	4.8
Other	1.8	0.9	1.8	3.0	1.1	1.6	3.2
Secondary activity <sup>j</sup>							
R&D	37.1	39.6	37.9	45.5	31.1	45.2	39.7
Teaching	21.0	17.9	25.1	25.4	17.7	25.5	21.2
Management or administration	10.4	D	9.3	D	12.3	D	10.6
Professional services	6.2	D	4.8	D	8.9	D	6.1
Other	3.0	3.8	1.3	4.5	3.8	2.1	2.2
No secondary activity	22.3	24.5	21.6	16.4	26.3	16.5	20.2
Activity unknown	9.2	4.5	8.8	2.2	11.1	10.5	8.8
Postgraduation location <sup>k</sup>							
United States <sup>k</sup>	90.9	82.9	74.5	89.0	97.0	91.7	82.9
New England	8.9	12.9	6.6	9.9	9.7	7.2	6.4
Middle Atlantic	14.7	12.4	15.3	16.5	15.2	15.5	11.8
East North Central	11.9	9.4	10.2	11.5	12.9	13.6	9.2
West North Central	5.5	D	D	4.4	6.6	6.4	4.5
South Atlantic	17.9	12.4	23.0	17.6	16.4	17.7	22.5
East South Central	3.4	D	D	3.8	3.7	4.9	2.8
West South Central	8.1	D	4.0	6.6	9.1	D	7.8
Mountain	4.7	8.2	D	4.9	5.2	D	4.0
Pacific and insular	15.2	14.1	10.6	13.2	17.3	13.6	13.3
Not in United States	9.1	17.1	25.5	11.0	2.9	8.3	17.1
Location unknown	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0

D = suppressed to avoid disclosure of confidential information.

<sup>a</sup> Includes only respondents who responded to post graduation status.<sup>b</sup> Includes respondents who indicated that they did not plan to work or study, respondents who indicated some other type of postgraduation plans, and respondents who indicated definite plans for other full-time degree program.<sup>c</sup> Does not include respondents who indicated plans for other full-time degree program.<sup>d</sup> Percentages are based on number of doctorate recipients reporting definite postgraduation plans for study and type of postdoctoral study.<sup>e</sup> "Other" includes respondents who indicated definite postgraduation study plans for traineeship, internship/clinical residency, or other study.<sup>f</sup> Percentages are based on number of doctorate recipients reporting definite postgraduation plans for employment.<sup>g</sup> Includes doctorate recipients who indicated self-employment.<sup>h</sup> "Other" is mainly composed of elementary and secondary schools.<sup>i</sup> Percentages are based on number of doctorate recipients reporting definite postgraduation plans for employment and primary work activity.<sup>j</sup> Percentages are based on number of doctorate recipients reporting definite postgraduation plans and type of plans.<sup>k</sup> Includes cases with a U.S. unknown region of employment after doctorate; see appendix A for states/territories included in regions.

NOTE: Due to rounding, the sum of percentages may not equal to 100.

SOURCE: NSF/NIH/USED/USDA/NEH/NASA, 2009 Survey of Earned Doctorates.